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CAUGHT MACKEREL INSIDE LIMIT.

Canadian Legislator Says American Vessel

Was Simply Fined.

Modus Vivendi Attacked in Canadian House of Commons.

Charges of the most sensational nature, and sweeping in their scope, against American fishing vessels violating the three mile limit law and going home full of mackerel, were made in the Canadian House of Commons at Ottawa, Thursday, in the course of a heated debate on a bill calling for the establishment of a standing committee on fisheries. Beside this, the modus vivendi was termed a great disadvantage to Canadian fishermen and enabled foreigners to control Nova Scotia's sea fisheries. It was a regular Gloucester day, all right, in the Canadian House.

J. W. Maddin of Cape Breton, said the conditions in many coast fishing districts were such as to offer little inducements for young men to live there. Moreover the protection from foreign fishing vessels was inadequate. He had himself counted 31 American vessels fishing at one time within the limit, and had known foreign vessels to go home full laden with mackerel, caught in Canadian waters. One vessel so laden was arrested at Halifax and let off with \$400 fine. Either this vessel and her cargo should have been confiscated, or she should have gone free. The American capitalists would be glad to fit out many ships and pay \$500 per trip for fishing within the limits.

A. K. McLean of Lunenburg, spoke of the modus vivendi as a great disadvantage. He hoped that parliament and the government would come to realize the importance of maintaining for Canadian fishermen all the rights to which they were entitled.

C. Jamerson, conservative, from Digby, N. S., believed that a good deal would be gained by the adoption of standards of cure, pack, and package.

Mr. Gervais of Montreal said that the people of his city were paying \$5000 a week for transportation and \$3000 for duty on fish imported from the states, which ought to be replaced by the produce of the eastern Provinces.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, agreed with Mr. McLean that the modus vivendi was not good for Canadian fishermen, but had enabled foreigners to control the sea fisheries, which otherwise might be tributary to Canada. The government also agreed that steam trawlers should not be used in Canadian waters and an order had been passed against it. The minister was surprised to hear that American vessels were allowed to fish within the limits.

There was a short discussion between the minister and Mr. Crosby concerning the fishing vessel released on the payment of \$400, the member for Halifax promising Mr. Brodeur full information on the subject.

During the long discussion on the resolution, which finally passed it was stated that the fishery bounty returns and other statistics showed there were less men engaged in the Nova Scotia fisheries than 25 years ago and also that the government statistics were unreliable as, for example, it was found that in the amount and values of fish products, the same fish were counted twice, once as green, and once as dried fish.

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Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The fleet of flounder dredgers from this port, that has been fishing in waters adjacent to Hyannis, have abandoned fishing there owing to bad weather and the presence of ice. The fleet of 15 sail reports that fish have changed grounds and are now located east of Cross Rip lightship in south channel. The fish are bringing good prices in New York market. Three barrels were shipped by one boat and received returns of \$51.

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MADE GOOD MONEY

Market Boats at Boston Had Profitable Week.

Some of the market boats made big and quick money on their trips which were landed at T wharf, Boston, yesterday.

Sch. Athena, Capt. Edward Forbes, hauled in before the bell rung, with her third trip within a week. Last Tuesday's fare gave the crew a share of \$45 and yesterday's trip added \$15 to that, so they have a big week's pay coming to them.

Sch. Clara G. Silva reached the dock with her second trip yesterday, the crew getting \$35 per man off the two fares.

Capt Manuel Santos of sch. Mary C. Santos was at T wharf yesterday, and was congratulated on all sides over his recent marriage. Bad weather had kept his vessel in Provincetown for the whole week, he had allowed himself as a honeymoon, and he took her out himself. He was out only three days, and fished one, and his men will get about \$15 for their share.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Olga, La Have Bank, 35,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Rob Roy, Le Have Bank, 35,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Boston.
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cts.
Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 8 1-2 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck headline cod, \$4 for large and \$3 for medium.
Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Mystery, 45,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Metamora, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Regina, 38,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Juniata, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Nettie, 800 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 17,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Georgianna, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 11,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Washakie, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$5; pollock, \$3.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland Thursday with fares of fresh fish:
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 7000 pounds.
Sch. Margie Turner, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Hockomock, 8000 pounds.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, 8000 pounds.
Sch. George H. Lube, 20,000 pounds.
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 6000 pounds.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 2500 pounds.
Sch. Etta B., fare not reported.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, bound here with a cured fish cargo, was at Portland Thursday.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston, to date, of the catch of 1908, are 40,011 barrels against 22,134 barrels to this date in 1908, of the catch of 1908.

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NEW LAW FOR LIENS ON VESSELS. NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Of much interest locally is a bill recently introduced in the Nova Scotia senate providing for liens on vessels for repairs, supplies, or other necessities.

The act stipulates that any person furnishing repairs, supplies, or other necessities, including the use of dry dock or marine railway, to a vessel, whether foreign or domestic, upon the order of the owner or owners of such vessel, or of a person by him or them authorized, shall have a maritime lien on the vessel which may be enforced by a proceeding in rem and it shall not be necessary to allege or prove that credit was given to the vessel.

Section two provides that the Persons Who Shall Be Presumed to Have Authority

from the owner or owners, to procure repairs, supplies, and other necessities for the vessel are the managing owner, ship's husband, master, or any person to whom the management of the vessel at the port of supply is intrusted. No person tortiously or unlawfully in possession or charge of a vessel shall have authority to bind the vessel.

Section three provides the officers and agents of a vessel specified in section two shall be taken to include such officers and agents when appointed by a charterer, by an owner pro hac vice, or by an agreed purchaser in possession of the vessel, but

Nothing in This Act Shall be Construed to confer a lien when the materialman knew, or by the exercise of reasonable diligence could have ascertained, that because of the terms of a charter party, agreement for sale of the vessel, or for any other reason, the person ordering the repairs, supplies, or other necessities was without authority to bind the vessel therefor.

Section four provides that nothing shall be construed to

Prevent a Materialman from Waiving His Right to a Lien

at any time by agreement or otherwise, and this act shall not be construed to affect the rules of law now existing: First, in regard to the right to proceed against a vessel for advances; second, in regard to laches in the enforcement of liens on vessels; third, in regard to the priority or rank of liens, and, fourth, in regard to the right to proceed in personam.

Section five provides that this act shall supersede the provisions of all state statutes conferring liens on vessels in so far as the same purport to create rights of action against vessels for repairs, supplies, and other necessities.

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APPROVES TREATY.

British Foreign Office Signifies Formal Assent.

The British foreign office has signified its assent formally to the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed by Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce, for the arbitration of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute.

The treaty is now ready for the Senate. Ratification by that body is necessary before the issues covered by the treaty can be submitted to The Hague tribunal.

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MAY AFFECT MACKEREL FLEET.

Use of Seines off New Hampshire Coast Prohibited.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill prohibiting the use of purse seines in fishing off the New Hampshire coast.

This of course applies to the territorial waters within the jurisdiction of the state which controls the waters within three miles of the shore and is in line with the action once taken by the Maine legislature some years ago and which action was later discontinued.

It is claimed by some of the New Hampshire people that the bill, after it becomes a law, will take in the waters about the Isle of Shoals and Boon Island, which are favorite cruising grounds for mackerel when schools are showing on this coast, but it is considered here that this claim is not tenable. It is expected that the bill will pass the senate and become a law.

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HAVE AN EYE ON IT.

Has not the fishing interest of Gloucester more than a passing concern in the efforts now being made to prevent torching along the shores of Lynn harbor? Of course if the method of catching fish there is against the public health one cannot reasonably argue for a continuation of it, but there is a question whether the method of fishing or some other cause was responsible for the dead fish strewn along the shore. There is room for the warning that this may be the first of an attempt to prevent the seining of herring all along the North shore, at the behest of some people who regard this question from aesthetic standpoints only. The interest that we have here in Gloucester in the matter is commercial, and it is vital. The bait supply is none too plentiful at the present time, and anything that will tend to increase the supply and thus lower the price should have the attention of the fishing interests of Gloucester and those who represent these interests in the legislature. Have an eye out for that.

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Premier Bond says he has got the best of the fisheries controversy, and on this side the diplomats think they have the best of it. So both are satisfied. With this delightful view of the case let's hurry the matter to conclusion.

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FOUR GOOD TRIPS.

Sch. Selma Sold Her Halibut at Portland on Saturday.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, which arrived at this port this morning, stopped in at Portland on Saturday and took out 15,000 pounds of halibut, selling at 91-2 cents per pound right through. She brought 6000 pounds of salt fish here. Capt. Colson reports a very rough trip.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsy, arrived here Saturday afternoon from The Gully with a nice fare 16,000 pounds of halibut, 9000 pounds of fresh fish and 5000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Dunsy reports speaking, Schs. Preceptor, Moomeen, Senator and Massachusetts there recently. Capt. Dunsy reports very bad weather and very few chances to set during the four weeks he was gone. He had only one set that he called a real good one.

Schs. Lizzie M. Stanley and Benj. A. Smith, here this morning with fresh fish fares, have 1000 pounds and 1500 pounds respectively, of halibut.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Capt. Wetmore, is here from Southwest Harbor, Maine with a cargo of cured fish, consigned to Fred Bradley.

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LUNENBURG FISHERIES.

Local Paper Appeals to Curers to Use All Parts of the Fish.

Lunenburg is generally called the Gloucester of Nova Scotia, and in its resume of the fishing season of the greatest fishing vessel port of Nova Scotia, the enterprising Lunenburg Progress thus makes a stirring call to its people to go on with the good work and make 1909 its banner year.

"An abundance of squid is in the freezers and no dearth of bait is anticipated for the coming season. The greatest confidence in the future prevails. A call has come to the people of Lunenburg. They originated the great industry here, which makes the name of Lunenburg known the world over. That the town and country will enter upon the new year to meet and conquer all difficulties is assured. Every opportunity should be made the most of.

"The use of all parts of the fish should be made. Gloucester uses the head, entrails, skin and bone. The same chance is here. The town council can show its interest in the growth and development by inducing glue factories, box factories and all the other allied fishing industries to locate here.

"The year 1909 can be one of splendid progress and while the closing year has been one of many blessings we will enter upon the new year with courageous hearts and willing hands and a prayer to Divine Providence for all goodness."

PURPLE HADDOCK.

Peculiar Fish Marked Similar to a Sea Trout.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, Capt. George Perry, which arrived at Boston on Saturday brought in a curiosity in the shape of a haddock marked and colored as never was seen there before.

The fish was taken by Garrett Curtis, one of the crew, on his trawls set off Highland light Friday. The entire fish was covered with black and deep purple spots, while the back fins were of many brilliant colors.

The tail was purple and the lower fins a deep blue. It was certainly a haddock but marked considerably like a sea trout.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Five hundred and fifty-eight men managed the 31 schooners comprised in the Provincetown fresh fishing fleet for the season of 1908. The average share of the earnings per man was \$302.

The suggestion that the discarded vessels of the British navy should be assigned to Canadian marine police work finds support in London. It is pointed out that Canada would thus save the expense of the construction of ships unless for fighting and be encouraged to invest money in ships fit to serve in the Imperial Navy.

Capt. George Elliott, of Cambridge, Md., caught a very peculiar fish while tonging in the little Choptank River. The fish has a body somewhat like a flounder, but from its head there project out ten tentacles which surround the mouth; with these its food is brought to the mouth and held in place while devoured by the fish.

To Capt. C. F. Batson, formerly of Campobello, N. B., is very largely due the agitation in British Columbia in favor of the control by Canada of the halibut fishing grounds of the Pacific, the best of which are said to be found in Canadian waters.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. William H. Rider and Ella G. King are fitting for Georges handling.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall went to Boston Saturday afternoon with her cargo of frozen herring and will begin to take out when sch. Oriole finishes on her cargo.

Sch. Hiram Lowell has gone to New York with her cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. Rob Roy is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Schs. Ella G. King and Aspinet are on Burnham's railways.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, Le Have Bank, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Le Have Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Le Have Bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Selma, via Portland, 6000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Teazer, The Gully, 18,000 lbs. halibut, 9000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Belbing P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, shore.

Sch. Washakie, shore.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.

Sch. Ramona, shore.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

Sch. Georgianna, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Leb, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Hope, shore.

Sch. Aspinet, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Himan Lowell, New York.

Sch. Valentinna, Boston.

Sch. Minerva, Boston.

Sch. Matiana, haddocking.

Sch. Buema, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, \$4 for large and \$3 for medium.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 28,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Manhasset, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Francis Whalen, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Florida, 6000 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 3000 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, frozen herring, via Gloucester.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 33,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 1500 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Arthur Binney, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 5000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Moaniam, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Esther Gray, 5000 cod.

Sch. Athena, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 23,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 70,000 fresh fish.

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Haddock, \$2 to \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.25; market cod, \$1.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$3.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels were at Portland Friday with fares of fresh fish:
 Sch. Mary F. Sennett, 4000 pounds.
 Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 3500 pounds.
 Sch. Fannie Reed, 10,000 pounds.
 Sch. Lochinvar, 8000 pounds.
 Sch. Maud S., 4000 pounds.
 Sch. Fannie Hayden, 5000 pounds.
 Sch. Gem, 5000 pounds.
 Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 8000 pounds.
 Sch. Eva and Mildred, 5000 pounds.
 Sch. Albert D. Willard, 5000 pounds.
 Sloop Minerva, 4000 pounds.
 Sloop Isabel Parsons, 2000 pounds.

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OBJECTS TO TONNAGE TAX.

Nova Scotia Paper Believes It Injury, Not Benefit.

Nova Scotia papers generally fight shy of unmeasured remarks regarding their fish tariff differences with this country, but the agitation along some parts of the Nova Scotia coast to do away with the tonnage fee on our vessels, brings forth the following blunt talk on the matter from the Lunenburg, N. S., Progress:

"There is an agitation on foot to have the \$1.50 per ton license fee charged American fishing vessels re-fitting in Nova Scotia ports abolished. The more difficult the fishery is made for the Americans off the Nova Scotia coast the better. American vessels are notorious poaches and the profits made by merchants selling them supplies would be more than overbalanced by the depletion of our fisheries should more foreign vessels come this way. Besides there is a high American duty on Canadian fish. Until this is reduced the Americans should not be given any further privileges."

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Fisheries Treaty in Senate

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Newfoundland fisheries treaty between the United States and Great Britain was read in the senate and referred to the committee on foreign relations. It is likely that the treaty will be taken up at Wednesday's meeting of the committee.

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MAP SHOWS FISHING BANKS.

Secretary Dimick Has Chart at Boston Fish Bureau.

In some ways the most attractive exhibit in the Boston Fish Bureau's rooms on Long wharf is a large map of the fishing banks of the North Atlantic, drawn in colors by Secretary Frederick F. Dimick.

This map large as a bed sheet, shows where the fishing fleet makes its hauls from the mackerel grounds south of Cape Hatteras to the grand banks of Newfoundland, where cod and halibut are taken, thence northward to the Bay of Islands, 780 miles from Boston and in Newfoundland's jurisdiction, where vessels secure frozen herring and run risk of being frozen in for months, while procuring cargo.

Georges banks, 100 miles east of Cape Cod, also is delineated, while Le Have, off the coast of Nova Scotia, Cash's off Portland, Me., Stelwagen at the entrance of Massachusetts bay, Middle bank off Cape Ann, South channel, between Cape Cod, Nantucket and Georges, all have their locality and bearings accurately arranged.

This map with its accompanying table of distances, has settled many disputes as to where fish brought to T wharf are caught.

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SOME GOOD FARES LANDED.

Market Fleet Looking for Set if Weather Moderates.

Seven of the off shore fleet are at Boston this morning with fares of from 30,000 to 72,000 pounds, sch. Gos-sip, Capt. Miles Somers, being high line with the latter amount.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, out only four days, has a fine fare, 62,000 pounds, almost all haddock.

Four of the market boats are also in all but one, sch. Nokomis with 14,000 pounds of cod, having small fares.

Shore prices are good, but off shore haddock are low. Codfish, cusk and hake are bringing good figures all around.

It is blowing quite a good breeze from the northwest outside today, but many of the boats went out early looking for a chance to set if it should moderate. Quite a number, however, remained in port.

Frozen Herring Trade.

Frozen herring are going slow at Philadelphia, while at New York the trade can barely be called fair. Sch. Fannie A. Smith will finish up there this week. Sch. Hiram Lowell is on the way there with her part cargo and sch. Saladin will be the next vessel to go there with her cargo. At Boston trade is also dull, sch. Oriole having 100,000 pounds left in her Monday morning.

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HAD BAD WEATHER.

Fishermen Arriving at Boston Report Severe Gales.

Half a dozen of the off shore haddockers which arrived at Boston Sunday, report terrific weather at sea the past three weeks.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood had her jib blown to pieces in Saturday night's gale and was obliged to scud under bare poles for several hours.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon encountered the full force of the gale, her captain reporting the wind 60 miles an hour.

Sch. John J. Fallon reported weather so bad that she only had three sets in three weeks.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The fishermen of North Cape Breton always look for a good catch late in the season to balance the losses and drawbacks of the year. At Ingonish and New Haven all previous records have been broken, one boat recently took 40 quintals in one day.

The report that Capt. Marion Perry will not command sch. Rose Dorothea of Provincetown this year is erroneous. Capt. Perry has purchased a quarter interest in the vessel and will continue in command as heretofore.

The barkentine Gaspe, sailed recently from Halifax, N. S., with 4287 drums of dry fish for Santos, Brazil. The cargo is valued at \$30,995.

A Stratford, Conn., fisherman, who claims the title of "champion eel skinner of the world," has retired at the age of 60 years after skinning 500,000 eels.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kernwood was at Shelburne, N. S., recently with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Selma, which arrived Monday, reports loss of 50 fathoms of cable. Capt. Colson reported heavy weather.

Steamer Pet, from this port, has arrived at Portland and will now engage in dredging scallops in Rockland bay.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett put into Portland recently with main boom broken. Sch. Georgianna also carried away another main boom on her recent trip.

Sch. Seaconnet is having a new mainmast stepped at Burnham's shears.

Capt. Nels Larson is fitting sch. Wm. H. Rider for Georges handlining.

Sch. Ella G. King will fit for Georges handlining under command of Capt. Benj. Johnson.

Capt. Andrew Gorvneau will sail Georges handlining today in sch. William H. Moody.

Sch. Arthur D. Story is being put in readiness for Georges handlining and Capt. William Sloan who will command her, will begin to fit out a little later.

Sch. Slade Gorton will sail haddocking today under command of Capt. Burns Firth, her regular skipper, Capt. George E. Heckman remaining ashore.

Sch. Lucania will sail haddocking this afternoon in command of Capt. William Firth. Capt. Martin L. Welch, her regular skipper, remaining ashore.

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EARLY START OF THE

SPRING FLEET.

FEBRUARY FITTINGS FOR SOME OF THE SALT PANK Vessels.

SEINING SKIPPERS AL- READY OVERHAULING

THEIR TWINE.

It looks very favorable here for an early spring awakening of the fishing fleets. It is generally thought that quite a few of the salt bankers will make February starts and that the early part of March will see many on their way. Some of the seiners also have figured it out that on account of the way the "darks" come in March, they have got to go either quite early or somewhat late, and quite a number have been looking over their seines.

All around the harbor front activity in the way of putting up topmasts and overhauling rigging can be noted, and these are sure signs that firms and skippers are turning their minds from Bay of Islands and herring and haddocking, to mackerel and salt cod.

Several of the Georges handliners are already fitting away, three having been on the ways within a week to slick up.

For the salt bankers, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, the high liner, who commands the big knockabout Arethusa, has sent word that he intends to go early, and "early" with him surely means February. One starts the whole fleet, generally speaking, so if Capt. Morrissey starts in early to fit, there will be lots of other smart chaps right close after him.

Already the chief topic of conversation among the haddockers is, "Who are you going south with?" And then somebody will spring, "Have you heard when Morgan is coming up from Old Virginia?" Then some other fellow will say, "Has anybody heard from Wallace Parsons? wonder if he has written to anybody to ship a gang." All of which means sure that the boys are getting the seining fever.

Capt. John F. Vautier, in sch. Monarch, is scheduled for a start about March 10, and if he starts to fit out, why there will be others.

Gloucester's spring opening is at hand; signs of it are in the air, and everywhere that fishermen do congregate.

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FISHING BY TELEPHONE.

Microphone Even Tells What Kind of Fish Approaches.

A use for the telephone in fishing has just been invented in Norway.

A microphone, the role of which consists in amplifying submarine sounds, is shut up in a thin, watertight steel box and kept in constant communication by metallic wires with a telephonic receiver installed on the fishing boat. It is stated that with this apparatus the fisherman is always informed of the approach of fish.

Moreover, it is said that each kind of fish gives in the instrument a particular sound. Thus the arrival of herring is signalized by a sort of whistling; the codfish announces its arrival in the neighborhood by a sort of grunting.

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GOOD WEEK'S WORK.

Crew of Sch. Little Fanny Each Made \$75 Last Week.

A big week's fishing was that secured by sch. Little Fanny, Capt. Charles Nelson, of this port, last week. The crew of the little craft made only three sets of the trawls, each set constituting a trip, and landed at Boston. Every man of the crew got \$75 clear for his week's work which is certainly extra fine work.